

House International Relations Committee
Subcommittee on Europe and Emerging Threats
Statement of Chairman Elton Gallegly
Markup of H. Res. 233 (V-E Day)
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The second item on the agenda today is the consideration of H. Res. 233, a resolution recognizing the 60th anniversary of Victory in Europe Day during World War II.

The purpose of this resolution is to convey one simple message: that our nation honors and appreciates the men and women who served in the European theater during World War II, and that we remember and pay tribute to those American who made the ultimate sacrifice for the their country.

During that war, more than 4 million members of the United States Armed Forces fought in Europe. This is the largest military force ever committed by the U.S. in any theater of operation. Almost 200,000 American troops were killed in the European theater.

The resolution also recognized the sacrifice of the millions of members of the armed forces of Allied nations in defeating Nazi Germany.

I urge the passage of H. Res. 233. I will now turn to Congressman Wexler for the purposes of making a statement.